

## Resource Action Identification Form

1. **Name of Proposed Resource Action:** Protection of Cultural Resource Values at Foreman Creek – Closure (C005)
2. **Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**
  - a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Significant cultural resource values present in the Foreman Creek area are being adversely affected by recreational activities, including use of the car-top boat ramp during periods of low water. Protective measures to avoid or reduce impacts to key cultural resources located in this area are needed. These measures include relocating the existing car-top boat ramp and closing the area to public use. Coordination with the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group is needed to identify the optimal solution.
  - b. Any physical or operational changes:  
☒ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Don't know  
If "yes," please explain: Current recreational use of the Foreman Creek area would be relocated to a comparable, nearby location. This relocation would involve physical improvements such as new roadway, parking, etc.
  - c. Proposed start date(s) and duration  
Start design: February, 2007. Implement as soon as possible following environmental analysis and documentation. Desire is to have new recreational facilities in place by December of 2009.  
Duration: Expect these facilities would be designed for use over a 30-to 50-year period.
  - d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)  
☒ Inside      ☐ Outside      ☐ Don't know  
Please specify possible location referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: Foreman Creek area is on the northern shore of the reservoir. New "replacement" facilities should be located in the same general vicinity.
  - e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: A reduced level of cultural resource protection in the Foreman Creek area could be accomplished without closure to the public and relocating the existing facilities. This reduced alternative would focus on use of physical barriers at a site-specific level to minimize impacts and active monitoring to ensure the adequacy of this alternative protective measure.  
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- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): It is expected that public closure of the Foreman Creek area would substantially reduce ongoing impacts. Current site conditions, prior to closure, would be documented, thresholds to evaluate success and formal monitoring requirements would be established prior to initiation of the proposed action. Long-term monitoring of site conditions would be needed to determine if the closure was providing adequate protection from recreational use impacts.

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- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Relocation of the car-top boat ramp has been proposed separately, pending coordination with the Recreation and Socioeconomics, Engineering and Operations, and Land Use work groups, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Boating and Waterways, and other resource specialists. Full closure of the Foreman Creek area to recreational uses is likely to represent a significant adverse impact, unless comparable, nearby facilities and opportunities can be provided.

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- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ☒ Land Use and Management
- ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ☒ Cultural Resources
- ☒ Engineering and Operations
- ☒ Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

- a. Organization name: Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG)
- b. Preparer's name, phone number and e-mail address: Steve Heipel, (916) 414-5800, heipels@edaw.com
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- d. Date prepared: July 22, 2003
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate: This Resource Action addresses a number of Cultural Resource goals oriented toward the desire to protect cultural resources in the Project area. Specific Resource Goals include:

CR02.01 – Evaluate the need (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

CR02.02 – Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

CR02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities);

CR02.04 – Establish areas to be managed primarily for historical preservation purposes (e.g., historical areas, traditional use areas, repatriation locations);

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- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: By relocating the developed recreation facility at Foreman Creek and closing public access to this area, intentional and unintentional impacts to significant archaeological site deposits would be stopped or greatly reduced.

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**5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing**

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s): This Resource Action is intended to address several Cultural Resources Issue Statements related to the protection of significant resource values, including those at Foreman Creek. Specific Issue Statement numbers include CRE1, CRE9, CRE21, CRE22, CRE26, and CRE54. Issue Statement number CRE61 may also be addressed, if signage regarding the protection of cultural resources is incorporated into this action.

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- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address: Recreational use of the Foreman Creek area may be resulting in intentional and unintentional disturbance to significant archaeological deposits and other cultural resource values. This issue must be addressed under CEQA and NEPA, and adverse effects to significant

cultural resource values need to be resolved under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:  
Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005); Lake Oroville recreation plan

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